



AVOCADOS, BERRIES, GRAPES & OLIVES SPRING 2022

AVOCADOS

There are two types of avocado trees; Type A and Type B. Most avocados are self-fertile, but will produce more when "Type A" is pollinated by "Type B" and vice-versa.

DON JUAN – Type A. A variety of Hass; very cold hardy to 14° F. A medium sized avocado with speckled green-brown skin and exceptional quality flesh. Fruit ripens from August – October. Has a tall and spreading growth habit to 25' at maturity. Zones 8b-11.

LILA – Type A. The pear shaped fruit is medium in size (6-12oz) with a rich Mexican Avocado flavor. This tree ranges from 10'-15' T x 8'-10'W. Lila is the second most cold hardy, down to 14° F. The fruit ripens from August-September. Zones 8b-11.

MEXICOLA – Type A. Pear-shaped fruit is small-medium in size (3-5oz) with purplish-black, paper-thin skin. The flesh is high quality with a rich, buttery taste and a glossy black skin that is easy to peel with an anise-like flavor. Tree grows 25'-30'T x 15'-20'W. Cold hardy down to 18° F. Fruit ripens from August-October. Zones 8b-11.

MEXICOLA GRANDE – Type A. Like the Mexicola but with even larger fruit (4-8oz). This high quality fruit is indeed a true avocado variety. It has a glossy, nearly black, thin skin and a creamy, delicate flesh that is deep green near the skin and yellow near the seed with a smooth, rich, nutty flavor. Tree grows 25'-30'T x 15'-20'W and cold hardy to about 18° F. Fruit ripens in September. Zones 8b-11.

JOEY – Type B. Egg shaped fruit is medium in size (6-10oz) with a dark purple-black skin and flavorful, nutty flesh. Grows 25'-30'T x 15'-20'W. A heavy producer and cold hardy to 17° F. Fruit ripens August-September. Zones 8b-11.

PANCHO – Type B. The fruit is medium in size (6-8oz.). Ripe fruit has a skin that is lime green in color with a red blush on its mid-section. The flesh has a creamy texture and a rich nutty flavor. Tree grows 25'-30'T x 15'-20'W and cold hardy to 15-18° F. Fruit ripens from July into the first weeks of September. Zones 8b-11.

Avocado trees are hardy to the temperatures indicated only when fully mature with a well-developed bark and may need protection for up to 5 years.



BLACKBERRIES

THORNY BLACKBERRIES

BRAZOS – Thorny upright bush with large, attractive and fairly firm blackberries with a good tart flavor. Very productive and resistant to diseases. A Texas standard with high yields of fruit ripening mid to late May. Good for cooking and canning. Average size: 5'T x 4'W. Self-fertile. Zones 7-9. (200-300 hrs)

KIOWA – Thorny upright bush and one of the largest of all blackberries with a very high yield and great flavor; just 10 can fill a half-pint container! One of the best in quality and firmness than any other variety. It ripens earlier and longer from May-July. Self-fertile. Average size: 5'-6'T x 4'-8'W. Zones 7-9. (200 hrs)

THORNLESS BLACKBERRIES

APACHE – Thornless and very productive blackberry. Fruit is blocky, conical, and very attractive with a glossy black finish and good flavor. It is excellent for home gardeners. Ripens mid to late June. Average Size: 5'-8' Tall x 4'-6' Wide. Self-fertile. Zones 5-9. (500-800 hrs)

NATCHEZ – Thornless upright. Recommended for our area and is a very productive variety with large fruit and a great sweet flavor that is excellent for fresh eating, jams, and desserts. Harvest early June. It is a very disease resistant plant that prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil. Average Size: 4'-6' T x 3'-4' W. Self-fertile. Zones 5-9. (400-500 hrs)

NAVAJO – Thornless, erect bush that has medium size, glossy black fruit with juicy, blue-black flesh and a very sweet flavor. Fast growing. High yielding. Prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil. Ripens June-July. Average Size: 4'-6' T x 4'-7' W. Self-fertile. Zones 5-9. (800 hrs)

OUACHITA – Thornless upright. A very prolific variety with plump, pick-able, berries that are extra-sweet and great for fresh eating and desserts. This disease resistant, medium-sized fruit grows well in hot summer climates and ripens in June. Prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil. Average size: 4'-5' T x 3'-4' W. Self-fertile. Zones 5-9. (300-500 hrs)

PRIME ARK FREEDOM – Thornless. Produces large, glossy, black berries with a very sweet flavor; great for fresh eating, pies, cobblers and desserts. Ripens early season, prefers a neutral to slightly acidic soil. Average Size: 4'-5' T x 4'-5' W. This blackberry produces fruit twice a year, once on Floricane growth in the early summer and then a crop on the new Primocane growth in the fall. Zones 5-8. Self-fertile. (300-500 hrs)

(CHILL HOURS NEEDED AT OR BELOW 45 DEGREES)

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BLUEBERRIES

Requires acidic soil (4.5 to 5.5 pH). Adjust soil pH with powdered sulfur and iron sulfate. DO NOT use aluminum sulfate.

Rabbiteye Blueberry: Native to the southeastern United States and were created to thrive in areas with long, hot summers. The rabbiteye blueberries need a different rabbiteye cultivar to pollinate.

Southern Highbush Blueberry: More disease resistant than other blueberry varieties and are best suited to areas with very mild winters. Self-fertile; however, cross-pollination by another highbush variety ensures the production of larger berries.

PREMIERE – Rabbiteye. This variety produces fruit of excellent color, size and flavor. A vigorous and productive bush that ripens late May to early June. Average size: 6' T x 5'-6' W. Zones 7-9. (300-500 hrs)

TIFBLUE – Rabbiteye. This variety has long been considered the best blueberry available. This variety has all the right qualities: beautiful appearance, high productivity and produces a large, bright blue berry that has a very tart flavor until fully ripe making it the number one selection for home owners. Ripens in July and requires acidic soil. Average Size: 6'-8' T x 3'-6' W. Self-fertile. Zones 7-9. (550-650 hrs)

EMERALD – Southern Highbush. Producer of large, plump blueberries with a mild, tasty flavor. A vigorous and productive plant. Blooms in spring and ripens May-June. Average size: 5'-6' T x 3'-4' W. Zones 8-10. (150-250 hrs)

JEWEL – Southern Highbush. An extremely productive and heavy producer of large, tasty fruit tart in flavor but sweeten when fully ripe. Ripens in July. Average size: 6'-8' T & W. Self-fertile but produces better with Emerald or Rebel. Zones 6-9. (200 hrs)

REBEL – Southern Highbush. Produces firm, large fruit, light blue in color with a mild, tasty flavor. Ripens in May. Average size: 5'-6' T x 3'-4' W. Zones 7-10. (400-450 hrs)



GRAPES

BLANC DU BOIS – Developed as a white table grape and for wine production. Also great for juices and jellies. Large clusters of white (light green) grapes. Ripens in July. Vigorous vine. Shows to be tolerant to Pierce's Disease. Average size: 8'-12' T x 6'-8' W. Self-fertile. Zones 6-10. (100 hrs)

VICTORIA RED – Great table grape that is very resistant to Pearce's Disease Developed by the U. of Arkansas and Texas A&M with parentages of Villard Blanc, Black Spanish, Lenoir, Herbemont, and native Texas Vitis berlandieri grapes. The fruit is sweet and refreshing and ripens in late-July to early-August. Average size: 8'-12' T x 6'-8' W. Self-fertile. Zones 7b or warmer. (100 hrs)



OLIVES

ARBEQUINA – Mild and fruity flavor with low bitterness and high in oil content. The tree grows to typically 15 feet in height at maturity. One of the earliest olives trees to bear fruit, usually by three years of age. We have found Arbequina to be not only among the most cold tolerant olive trees but also the most adaptable to a variety of growing conditions. Self-fertile. Used for oil or table fruit. Excellent dried fruit or pickled at any stage.



RASPBERRIES

CUMBERLAND – The Cumberland Black Raspberry plant produces medium-large, blue-black berries, which have an outstanding raspberry flavor. It's good for eating fresh or for making jams and jellies. The Cumberland Raspberry ripens July – August and prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil. Average Size: 4'-5' T x 3'-4' W. Zones 4-8. Self-fertile. (300-500 hrs)

DORMAN RED – A vigorous, productive, ever-bearing raspberry bush with harvesting beginning in June and lasting until frost. This variety produces medium to large, glossy red, firm berries that are great for fresh eating, desserts, jellies, and preserves. Prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil. Average Size: 4'-6' T x 3'-4' W. Zones 5-9. Self-fertile. (300-500 hrs)

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